The entry of the National Tuberculosis Association into the anti-smoking picture gained little press attention. However, since then various local organizations have stimulated added attention.

HERALD
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TB Association Gives Statement On Cigarettes

NASHVILLE (Spl.) — A warning to "all people" of the risk of the development of lung cancer from smoking cigarettes was issued yesterday by the National Tuberculosis Association.

The association, which includes all respiratory diseases in its program, pointed out that smoking appears to be a factor also in such crippling lung diseases as bronchitis and emphysema, the latter a condition in which the lung loses it elasticity and breathing becomes increasingly difficult.

Approved by the governing body of the NTA's medical section, the American Trudeau Society, the statement based its warning on three points: "there is an alarming increase in deaths from lung cancer;" "cigarette smoking is a major cause of lung cancer;" and "the risk of lung cancer increases with the number of cigarettes smoked." It pointed out also that the risk of lung cancer is reduced when smoking is given up.

Although research is in progress, "no prsent method of treating tobacco or of filtering the smoke has been proved to reduce the harmful effect of cigarette smoking," the statement continues. "Up to now, these harmful effects can be avoided only by no smoking cigarettes."

In releasing the statement, James E. Perkins, M. D., managing director of the NTA, pointed out that similar warning have been issued by the American Cancer Society, the U.S. Public Health Service, and the American Public Health Association.

The NTA statement urges parents, treachers, and physicians in particular" to warn our youth of these facts before the cigarette smoking habit has become established."

The NTA statement recognize that there is no single cause for all lung cancers and suggests that breathing polluted city air may also constitute a risk of lung cancer.

MAIL
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'ALARMING INCREASE IN DEATHS'

TB Association Warns Of Cancer-Smoking Link

The West Virginia Tuberculosis and Health Assn. today made public a warning by its national association that cigarette smoking increases the danger of lung cancer.

Thomas A. Deveny Jr., executive secretary of the state organization, said the findings were being distributed among parents, teachers and physicians.

"These people," he explained, "have a special opportunity and a duty to warn our youth about the facts and dangers of smoking before the cigarette habit becomes firmly established."

The findings were first reported by the board of directors of the National Tuberculosis Assn.

"There is an alarming increase in deaths from lung cancer," the board reported after completing its investigations. "Cigarette smoking is a major cause of lung cancer, the risk of lung cancer increasing with the number of cigarettes consumed."

AIR POLLUTION CITED

Deveny said the board declared, however, there is no single cause for all lung cancers. "Breathing polluted city air may also add to the risk of lung cancer."

Charleston last year, following a survey made by the U. S. Public Health Service was reported to be the second dirtiest city in the country.

Deveny said no figures are presently available to compare the death rate from lung cancer and pollution density.

He added that studies had shown that giving up smoking had reduced the risk of lung cancer. He added:

"Recent studies show that cigarette smoking is a factor in such crippling lung diseases as chronic bronchitis and emphysema."

NTA directors also claimed that "the present method of treating tobacco or filtering the smoke apparently has not lessened the harmful effects of cigarette smoking up to now."

The NTA findings were distributed among members of the state organization through its official bulletin.

Deveny said the 40th annual meeting of the association would be held in Morgantown Sept. 7-8. The fall term of the West Virginia University School of Medicine marks the beginning of a three-year seminar of pulmonary diseases being sponsored by the volunteer health group.

Contributions from county TB societies and individuals have raised $19,598.11 of the $30,000 the medical education program will cost.

TRIBUNE
Chanute, Kansas
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Drive Against Use of Fags

An educational campaign directed at young people in particular to arouse them to the health hazard represented by cigarette smoking was urged at the 56th Annual Meeting of the National Tuberculosis Association in Los Angeles last week, according to word received by Mrs. Margaret Wood, chairman of the Neosho County Health and Education Committee of the Tuberculosis and Health Association.

An attack on the cigarette industry for their advertising tactics was made by Roger S. Mitchell, M. D., of the Colorado Foundation for Research in Tuberculosis, Denver, and immediate past president the American Trudeau Society, medical branch of the NTA. He chided the cigarette manufacturers for playing up the addition of filter tips to cigarettes at the same time that they deny that cigarette smoking does any serious harm.

"Our national and state associations are urging all local associations to join in the campaign to alert young people to the danger of cigarette smoking," said Mrs. Wood.

"A statement issued by NTA warns of the 'alarming increase in deaths from lung cancer' and calls cigarette smoking a major cause of lung cancer and a factor in such crippling lung diseases as chronic bronchitis and emphysema. The statement further says that the only way known at present to avoid the harmful effects of cigarette smoking is "by not smoking cigarettes."

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